



## GENERAL INFORMATION

Congratulations on receiving a tag for the Del Norte Roosevelt Elk Hunt! We hope that your hunt will be a successful one. Please remember that this hunting opportunity is being provided on private land owned by the Simpson Resource Company. You are a guest of the landowner. The success of this hunt and the continuance of the program depend on your cooperation with the personnel of the Department of Fish and Game (Department) and Simpson Resource Company.

## HUNTER ORIENTATION

All permit holders will be required to attend an orientation meeting at **noon on Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>**, at the Rowdy Creek Gun Club which is located 1.5 miles on Rowdy Creek Road, east of US Highway 101 (across the street from Ray's Market) in the town of Smith River. A map showing the hunt area and the orientation meeting location is attached. After the orientation, hunters will be allowed to enter the hunt area to familiarize themselves with the roads and terrain prior to hunting on Wednesday. Hunters will not be allowed to enter the hunt area until after the orientation meeting.

## MAPS

A detailed map of the hunt area will be available at the orientation meeting. Due to duplication costs, a \$10.00 fee (cash only) will be charged for each map. In addition, a more detailed list of rules and regulations will also be provided, however, be aware of the following items so you can plan accordingly:

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Each permit holder may be accompanied by not more than two non-hunters, neither of which may be in possession of firearms or bows and arrows. No assistance will be given from Simpson/Department employees.
2. Each permit holder may be in possession of only one legal firearm or bow while on the hunt area. No pistols or shotguns may be possessed.
3. Only one vehicle for each permit holder will be permitted on the hunt area.
4. Vehicles with trailers will not be permitted on the hunt area.
5. In general, only vehicles licensed for use on public roads will be permitted. Once an elk is taken however, all-terrain vehicles (ATV) or trailers may be permitted (subject to discretion of Simpson Resource Company and Department personnel).
6. Each hunter should have a shovel, ax or handsaw (not chain saw) and fire extinguisher in the vehicle.
7. Horses or dogs will not be permitted on the hunt area.
8. Camping is permitted on Simpson Resource Company land, at the Rowdy Creek Gun Club.
9. Fires of any kind are prohibited.

10. Hunting for species other than elk is prohibited.
11. Tooth collection envelopes should have been provided to you upon receipt of your elk tag. We are requesting successful hunters collect an incisor from their animal and mail it to the address given with the envelope.

## TRAVEL TIPS

Motels, trailer parks, private campgrounds and restaurants are available in Crescent City and the town of Smith River, both near the hunt area. Public camping facilities are located at Jedediah Smith Redwood State Park and Del Norte Redwood State Park near Crescent City. Cold storage lockers for meat processing can be found in Eureka, Arcata and Crescent City.

## WEATHER

Although the north coast is known for its fog and heavy rainfall, weather conditions are variable and may even be dry and warm in late August through September. The hunting area is steep and mountainous. Much of the area is covered by dense forest and brush fields interspersed with meadows and newer more open clear cut patches. Although elk sign is distributed throughout the hunt area, hunting will not be easy. **We strongly recommend that prior to the orientation, all hunters take the opportunity to review elk hunting literature and videos which are readily available.**

Roosevelt elk are large animals. Adult bulls average about 700 pounds field dressed, so be prepared for a lot of work once you get one down. No assistance will be given from Simpson/ Department employees. All hunters must return elk tags to the Department within one week after the close of the elk season regardless of whether an elk was taken.

If you have any questions regarding the Del Norte Roosevelt Elk Hunt, please contact Wildlife Management personnel in our Eureka office, 619 Second Street, Eureka, California 95501 or by telephone (707) 445-6493. **Please do not contact Simpson Resource Company.**

We're looking forward to seeing you at the orientation. Again, congratulations and we hope you have an enjoyable hunt.

### 2003 Del Norte Roosevelt Elk Hunt

Location of Hunter Orientation Meeting, Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at noon

